

# Why Do We Fight The Empire?

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**1. Because it is not legal.** As a government, it betrays the trust given it as successor to the Old Republic. It is unresponsive to the wishes of the beings it governs. It ignores their needs and oppresses them when they resist its tyranny. As such, it invalidates the purpose of a galactic government as initially stated: to serve the sapient life of the galaxy. There have been no new elections since that of *President* Palpatine. *Emperor* Palpatine and his Empire have no legal authority.

**2. Because it is not moral.** As a dictatorship without genuine accountability, it uses force to maintain its reign of terror over the citizenry. It levies taxes without fair and due respect for the abilities and needs of its subjects. It inflicts suffering to maintain a war economy without parallel in history. It discriminates against non-Humans. It destroys and wantonly pollutes the worlds that inhabit its sphere of domination. It is an object of hatred and fear to all who live in its sphere of influence.

**3. Because it is not socially responsible.** As a force of totalitarianism, it suppresses free inquiry and communication. It arbitrarily censors and murders all who do not accept the standards of normality inflicted by the "New Order." It by force tries to erase the sacred diversity that we have been provided with by nature. It has banned or eradicated histories and cultural practices of numerous societies. It has a perverse hunger for conformity.

**4. Because it is not tolerant.** As a force of conquest, it invades and enslaves civilizations that lie outside its natural sphere for its own greed and lust for power. It maintains a state of permanent war to expand its realm, regardless of political, cultural or philosophical concerns of those involved. It is a threat to all.

**5. Because it is must be stopped.** As a military entity, it has been defeated in the past, can be defeated presently and must be so defeated whenever and wherever possible. The Empire has lost its top leaders. The fight against it will continue to ensure the freedom of all who call this galaxy home and who cherish the freedom of the Old Republic. It is the responsibility of all freedom-loving beings to take up arms against the Empire.

We of the New Republic are pledged to end this long night of misery. We are pledged to defeat and destroy the Empire and restore the Republic to the Galaxy in fact and in name. Those who are currently under the threat of despotism and anarchy know this: the New Republic is committed to justice and peace and we will fight to free you. Join us if you can.

DO NOT ALLOW THE DARKNESS TO RISE AGAIN.



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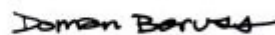
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